

Millard West Band Boosters

Minutes: October 19, 2020

1. Call to order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Jason DeLong, via Zoom.
 - b. All parents of 9-12th grade band members are automatically part of the Millard West Band Boosters, and are encouraged to attend meetings to keep up to date on band activities. Adults in attendance at this meeting included: Erin Ward, Jenny & Andy Schlosser, Jeremy Langer, Vicki Schmer, Staci Voss, Elissa & Neil Hamill, Sarah Greer, Katie Rupe, Yim Graner, Sara Cory, Cathy Hurt, Heidi Hoffman, Terese Koubsky, Brian & Felicia Halsey, Chris Cain, Kim Savard, Diana Houston, Nancy Grice, Eric & Kendra Grelson, Lindsey Cottrell, Paul & Lisa Gruenke, Lieska Halsey, Norma Quintana, Brian Lhamon, Shari Beberniss, Lora Thompson, John Skrabal, Jenni McLaughlin, Anna Maroon, Byron Braasch, and John Keith.
2. Secretary's Report: Jenny Schlosser
 - a. The minutes from the September Band Booster meeting were shared via email with the membership.
 - b. Elissa Hamill moved that we accept the Secretary's Report, and Jeremy Langer seconded. The minutes were approved by the membership.
3. Treasurer's Report: Brianna Lyness
 - a. Brianna was not able to attend the meeting, and Jason DeLong will send her report via email.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Fundraising: Brad Durbin
 - i. Band Aid: Will send an email about donating to Band Aid this week via Square.
 - ii. Still planning on winter & spring fundraisers. Watch for more information.
 - iii. Discussion was held on the importance of still asking for Band Aid donations to use this year as an opportunity to update, replace, and purchase new equipment for the band to set us up for future years. Especially with the uncertainty of CWS next summer.
 - b. Activities: Erin Ward
 - i. Middle School Outreach: Varsity students wrote personalized letters of encouragement to the 5th-8th grade band students at our feeder schools. The letters will be delivered this week to the teachers to hand out next week, along with a piece of candy. The students did a great job writing their letters, and we want to do what we can to support and encourage our future MW Band students to keep them engaged and connected. Looking for ideas to do this again in the winter and spring.
 - ii. End of Season Celebration: Monday, Oct 26. Time TBA. Still finalizing details with administration as indoor event regulations have recently changed due to Covid. Parents are creating posters for each section to decorate, along with the senior board (Please send Erin a senior photo by Thursday)
 - c. CWS: Teri Cain- Nothing new to report
 - d. Pizza Hut: Lora Thompson- continues 1st Thursday of every month
 - e. Baker's Plus: Brianna Lyness- ongoing
 - f. TAGG: Kendra Grelson- ongoing
 - g. HyVee Coupon Books: (Amy McIver) not doing them at this time
 - h. Jr Wildcat Band: Jenny Schlosser & Erin Ward- see Middle School Outreach report
 - i. Marketing/donations: Elissa Hamill- show shirts are in and will be handed out Tuesday night.
 - j. Travel: John Skrabal- planning on setting up "Camp Wildcat" for the football game Friday (pizza) and the Millard Exhibition on Saturday (Raising Canes). Normally, we set up Camp Wildcat at each competition and the Boosters provide food, drinks and snacks for the students

in a fun atmosphere. We hope it has given the new students a feel for what competitions will be like.

5. New Business:

- a. Middle School outreach and End of Season Celebration discussed under “Activities”
- b. Open Exec Board positions for the next school year: VP of fundraising and 2 at large positions. Please talk to any board member if you are interested.

6. Director’s Report: John Keith

- a. It is cold this week and we will be outside every day. Please remind your students to dress appropriately for these temperatures.
- b. Early rehearsal changes for Friday 10/23: 7am Varsity, 7:30am Mass Band pregame rehearsal
- c. No early rehearsal Thursday 10/22 due to AWA testing and late start.
- d. Football game Friday 10/23:
 - i. Itinerary will be sent out soon with exact times, but will run the same as the last game (Eat together, change into uniform, perform pregame, game starts at 7:30)
 - ii. JV performs at halftime
 - iii. Still need to present your Metro Performers pass for 6 tickets per performer. However, school activity passes will not cover the fee for this game since it is a playoff game.
 - iv. If MW wins this game, they will play Millard South at Buell as the visiting team. It’s possible a small pep band will attend.
- e. Millard Exhibition Performance: Saturday 10/24 performances beginning at 6pm
 - i. This is for both JV and Varsity Bands
 - ii. Itinerary will be sent soon, but looking at a mid afternoon arrival, a small lunch, change into uniforms, move frontline down to the track, then watch the other schools perform.
 - iii. Order of performances: MN JV, MW JV, MN, MW, MS.
 - iv. Return to MW following the performances to unload truck and check in uniforms.
 - v. Only 4 tickets per performer, due to large number of performers. Look for an email soon with a google form to RSVP.
- f. End of Season Celebration will look different this year, but we are still planning on it happening. More details will be sent as soon as finalized with administration.
- g. We move into concert season next week. Students received their audition music on Thursday via Google Classroom for band and chair placements (1st block is Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Band, 2nd Block is Concert Band). Auditions will be via video submissions next week. Percussion will have assigned in person times next week. Still talking to administration about concerts, and if we can have an audience or if they will be live streamed.
- h. Jazz Band: info posted on google classroom for those interested. Have a lot of percussion and saxophones interested, but need more brass in order to have a full jazz band. Please encourage your student to sign up. Freshmen can participate in jazz band.
- i. Winter Percussion Ensemble: hoping to get a group together.
- j. Winter Guard: WGI (national group) cancelled season, HWAA (local group) might have events. We will still have a Winter Guard and auditions will be in early November.
- k. Trailer update: going well and on track to make the downpayment in November. John will contact the company and confirm plans with the district. Still looking at additional pledges to ensure the full amount is covered.
- l. Will discuss next year’s budget with exec board to discuss any equipment that needs to be repaired, replaced or updated.
- m. Congratulations to the students who made All State: Rachel Yang (flute 2nd year), Zoe Lindquist (oboe 3rd year), Allison Neuman (clarinet 1st year), Cam Berry (Bari Sax 1st year),

Preston Ward (trombone 2nd year) and Jack Schula (percussion 1st year). They will need to submit a recording of their music for a high end virtual performance.

- n. A huge thank you to all of the parents who have helped this season. You have been awesome making sure we are ready to roll and looking good, from being at rehearsals, to building and fixing things, to fitting and refitting uniforms, and chaperoning at Camp Wildcat. We will be the only school in uniform at the Exhibition, as Millard North and Millard South did not issue uniforms this season. We wanted the students to be in the new uniforms this year for the experience and excitement.
- o. We made it through the first grading period, but cases are spiking again in the community. The students are being very good at school following the guidelines, but we need everyone at home and in the community to also follow the guidelines, wear your mask, and please avoid large gatherings. We all need to use good judgement and make good choices to keep the kids in school.

Please continue to check your email and Facebook for announcements and changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm with a motion by Brad Durbin, and seconded by John Skrabal.

This next meeting is Monday, November 16, 2020 (location TBA).



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September 21st, 2020

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Secretary's report – Jenny Schlosser**
 - a. Action – Approve August Meeting Minutes
- 3. Treasurer's report – Brianna Lyness**
 - a. Approve Treasurers report
- 4. Committee Reports**
 - a. Fundraising/Band Aid – **Brad Durbin**
 - b. Activities- **Erin Ward**
 - c. CWS – **Teri Cain**
 - d. Pizza Hut – **Lora Thompson**
 - e. Bakers Plus – **Brianna Lyness**
 - f. TAGG – **Kendra Grelson**
 - g. HyVee Coupon Books – **(Amy McIver)**
 - h. Jr. Wildcat Band – **Erin W/Jenny S**
 - i. Marketing/donations- **Elissa Hamill**
 - j. Travel- **John Skrabal**
- 5. New Business**
 - i. **Show shirt**
 - ii. **HyVee receipts program changes**
 - iii. **Uniform check in**
 - iv. **Wreath sales**
 - v. **Senior night updates**
 - vi. **Trailer update**
 - vii. **Open positions for 2021-2022**
 - **VP- Fundraising**
 - **Member At Large (2)**
- 6. Director's Report- Mr. Keith & Mr. Braasch**
- 7. Key Upcoming Date-**
 - a. **October 2- Home football game**